Missing Indian Soldiers in Pakistan

2988. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the 54 missing soldiers of 1971 war as per the list released along with Unstarred Question No.6803 dated April 12. 1979. have since been traced or released by Pakistan:

(b) if so. the details thereof: and

(c) the special efforts that are being made further in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have repeatedly taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of the 54 missing Indian defence personnel believed to be in custody in Pakistan. It is regrettable that Pakistan has not responded positively to the numerous constructive proposals made by the Indian side over the years for resolving this humanitarian issue. Government of Pakistan. however. maintains that there are no Indian defence personnel in its custody. We would continue with our efforts to seek Pakistan's cooperation on this issue.

Working Women Hostels

2989. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have been providing funds to the States to construct working women hostels:

(b) if so. the number of working hostels set up in different States particularly in Maharashtra so far:

(c) whether Government have received proposals from different States for construction of more of such hostels particularly during last three years, state-wise:

(d) if so. the number of proposals cleared so far and the target date when rest of the proposals will be cleared; and

(e) the fund sanctioned by the Government to each State for the purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Department of Women & Child Development has been providing funds under the Central Sector Plan Scheme of 'Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day Care Centre for Children'. Besides voluntary organisations, Women's Development Corporations, Universities, Schools/ Colleges of Social Work. Logcal Bodies and Cooperative Institutions. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are also eligible for assistance under the scheme.

(b) 783 Hostels have been sanctioned so far all over the country including 110 in Mahrashtra.

(c) and (d). A statement I showing the number of proposals sanctioned so far State-wise out of the proposals received during the last three years is attached. Annexure-I. Sanction of a proposals is dependent on timely completion of all the schematic requirements by the applicant organisation and the concerned State Government.

(e) A statement-II is attached

STATEMENT-I

S.No.	State/Union Territory	Number of proposals received during last three years (1993-94 1994-95 & 1995-96)	No. of proposals sanctioned so far out of proposals received during last three years
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9	5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	-
3.	Assam	6	-
4.	Bihar	6	-
5.	Gujarat	5	3
6.	Haryana	3	-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	-
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	6	3
9.	Karnataka	24	11
10.	Kerala	21	13
11.	Madhya Pradesh	11	3
12.	Maharashtra	32	15
13.	Manipur	2	-
14.	Mizoram	4	1
15.	Nagaland	2	1
16.	Orissa	4	2
17.	Punjab	1	1
18.	Rajasthan	3	1
19.	Tamil Nadu	42	27
20.	Uttar Pradesh	13	1
21.	West Bengal	8	5
22.	Chandigarh	2	2
23.	Delhi	5	3
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